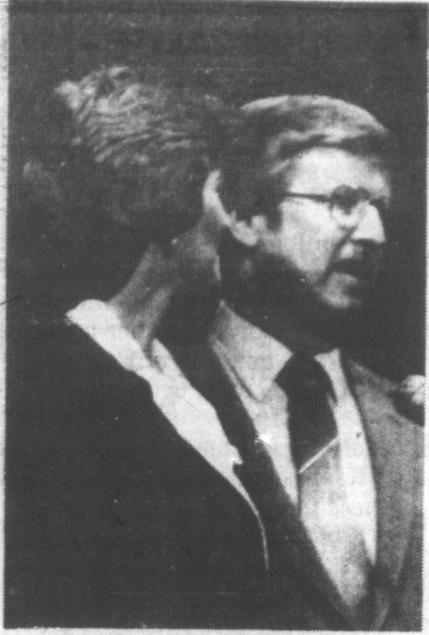


The Baptist Record

8,000 witness pageantry of mission appointments



Margaret and Frank Lay.



Charles and Sheryl Ray



Vic and Martha Bowman



Leon Bedsole, minister of music at First Church, Biloxi, led the 600-plus voice choir at the service.



Annette and Michael Racey

Foreign Mission Board elects Cushing chairman

By Bob Stanley

BILOXI, Miss. (BP)—Southern Baptists have given \$53,193,364 to the 1983 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions, but the pace of receipts is not fast enough to meet the \$60 million goal.

Carl Johnson, Foreign Mission Board vice president for finance, said it looks now like the final total May 31 may run about \$1.9 million short. This would be a 7.52 percent increase over the 1982 offering, which Johnson noted exceeds the current national inflation rate.

Announcement of the offering total came at the board's April meeting, where board members voted to reduce their meetings from eight to six a year to help save expenses and use their time more effectively.

More than 8,000 Baptists committed themselves to pray for 24 new missionaries at an appointment service April 10 in the Gulf Coast Coliseum in Biloxi. These additions, plus the reappointment of Herman and Dottie Hayes, brought the year's missionary additions to 68.

Hayes, after six years' work as a staff member challenging Southern Baptists to respond to the need for career missionaries, is expected to work with Australian Baptists in starting new churches. The assignment is the first step following action taken in March setting up fraternal

relationships with Australian Baptist. Hayes' assignment must be approved by the Australian Baptists before it becomes official.

The board also employed 65 young adults for training as journeymen. Those who receive medical clear-

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W. W. Walley of Waynesboro, and Gene Triggs of Yazoo City, share the platform during the appointment service in Biloxi. Triggs is outgoing FMB chairman.



Al and Emily Green

tell . . . we must go and tell it."

Martha Bowman said that God used the long appointment process which "assured me of his will."

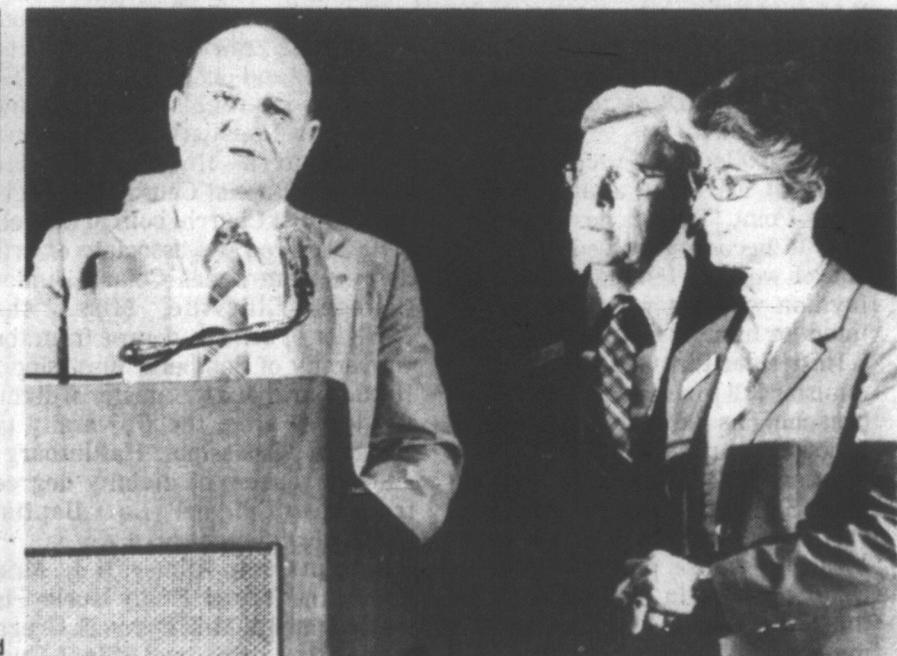
And Michael Racey said that in 1979 at Bay Vista Church on the coast a missionary spoke and Racey felt the call. He told his wife he felt called to foreign missions and Annette told him God has already dealt with her.

Parks, handing a certificate of appointment to each couple following the board's vote and the couples' testimonies, shook hands with each and made reference, without notes, to comments each had made, assuring them of the devotion and attention

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A total of 65 persons came forward during a time of decision at the end of the appointment service.



Keith Parks introduces Herman and Dottie Hayes to the FMB during the final session of their meeting on the Mississippi coast. The Hayeses were being appointed to Australia.



Thomas sings to missions candidates at banquet

Naymond Thomas sings while fellow Jackson State University professor plays piano during a banquet for missionary candidates, Foreign Mission Board members, staffers, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board staffers and guests Monday evening prior to the Tuesday evening missionary appointment service in Biloxi.

Surrounding Thomas are the missionary candidates. While he sang a special version of "Bless This House" slides of the missionaries and scenes of their places of service were flashed on a giant screen.

After having sung "Amazing Grace" and "The Impossible

Dream" for the missionaries, he sang words to "Bless This House" which were written by Marjorie Rowden Kelly, a former missionary to Israel, and wife of Earl Kelly, MBCB executive secretary.

Bless these friends, O Lord, I pray
Keep them safe by night and day.
Bless the loved ones left behind...
Ever missed and on their mind.
Bless the children as they grow
Always traveling to and fro.
Bless their work that it might be
Ever pleasing, Lord, to Thee.

Bless the folk with whom they live
May their souls to Christ they give.
Bless the fields so ripe and done
May a crop be quickly won.
Bless the Board which sends them
out
Freeing them from care and doubt.
Bless us all who stay and pray
Make us faithful, Lord, each day!

AMEN

FMB appoints five Mississippi couples as career missionaries

Green

At age 16 Emily Green knew that "whatever I did, I wanted God in the middle of it."

What she didn't know back then was that after she married, she and her husband Al and their two children would be packing to work in South America as Southern Baptist missionaries.

Al and Emily Green, who live in Gulfport, were appointed by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board to Argentina.

Al, currently pastor of Olivet Baptist Church in Gulfport's Orange Grove community, never expected foreign missions, much less Christian ministry.

College days were rough for Al. In two years, he flunked out of Ole Miss. "I carried that flunkout report for years," recalls Al. "Anything's worth not going through this embarrassment again."

He got back in school at Jones County Junior College, and while he was there a teacher told him he would never graduate. He says he didn't remember who the teacher was but that comment toughened him. In his last two semesters later at the University of Southern Mississippi, he made 3.7 and 4.0 on the four point grading system.

After college, Al taught for two years at Ed Mayo Junior High in Moss Point. Though he was beginning to become involved in Baptist church work, he felt that service as a layman was not what God had in mind for him.

He decided that God wanted him to minister full time and shortly he was preaching as the first pastor of what is now Cambridge Baptist Church in Gautier while he attended New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

There at seminary, he met Emily.

Emily, whose parents divorced when she was in high school, took time to get over her bitterness. A magna cum laude graduate of Mississippi University for Women, she took a managerial job with the phone company and was transferred to several cities. "In time I knew I couldn't

be happy until I went to seminary to find out what God wanted with my life," she says. The phone company let her transfer to New Orleans so she could go to seminary and continue working. Al and Emily married right after his graduation. Then the couple served the pastorate at Temple Baptist Church in Petal before going to Olivet in Gulfport, March 1982. She taught school for a while.

Al and Emily had talked together about foreign service for a couple of years. In fact, acquaintances, missionaries to Japan, suggested their names to the Foreign Mission Board which sent preliminary medical forms. The Greens did not send back those forms. But they also did not forget the possibilities.

In March of 1983, at a world missions conference, where missionaries visit churches telling about their work, the couple talked more about being foreign missionaries, and their journey into foreign missions began.

Born in Laurel, Miss., Green is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Algie L. Green formerly of Pass Christian, Miss., and recently moved to Lumberton, Miss. While growing up he also lived in Natchez and Leakesville, Miss. He considers Laurel his hometown and West Laurel Baptist Church there his home church. He also attended Wildwood Baptist Church and Highland Baptist Church, both in Laurel.

He received the associate of arts degree from Jones County Junior College, Ellisville, Miss.; the bachelor of science degree from the University of Southern Mississippi; Hattiesburg; and the master of divinity degree from the University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg; and the master of divinity degree from New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary.

Born in Camp Kilmer, N.J., Mrs. Green, the former Emily Gurley, is the daughter of Mrs. Byron E. Gregg of Columbus, Miss., and Billy H. Gurley of New Port Richey, Fla. While growing up she lived in Iuka and Fulton, Miss.; El Paso, Texas; and Italy and Japan. She considers Iuka her

hometown and Iuka Baptist Church her home church.

She received the bachelor of social work degree from Mississippi University for Women, Columbus. She also attended New Orleans seminary and the University of Southern Mississippi. She has worked as a teacher and payroll clerk in Pascagoula, Miss.; teaching assistant at the University of Southern Mississippi; clerk for a printing company in Gulfport; and also worked at a telephone company in New Orleans and Jackson, Miss.

The Greens have two children; Donnis Evelyn, born in 1981; and Neil Andrew, born in January of this year. The family will go to Rockville, Va., in August for an eight-week orientation before leaving for the field.

Lay

Cancer was only one of the reasons Frank and Margaret Lay of Gulfport had for putting off a move toward foreign missions.

In 1972, Margaret developed a thyroid malignancy. In a physical, her thyroid tested out hyperactive and in surgery a malignancy was found. Today, she says, hyperactivity is treated with medicines, not surgery. Her cancer would not have been found in its early stages if it occurred today. "This to me was a miracle," she says.

Frank Lay is pastor of Gulfport's Handsboro Baptist Church. He and Margaret, were appointed to go as Southern Baptist foreign missionaries to Costa Rica. Their struggle toward missions didn't include only the cancer. They kept putting off a decision to get involved in foreign missions a number of times, because of sick, aging parents, because of a perceived lack of experience, and advice from well-meaning friends.

Frank Lay wanted to be a preacher since childhood. He renewed this feeling in high school, but lack of interest in studies caused him to flunk out. He took an equivalency test and entered Clarke Baptist College in Newton when he realized that an

education was necessary if he were to enter the ministry.

Later on in seminary, Frank, one night when he couldn't sleep, woke his wife, Margaret, and told her he felt they were being called into foreign missions.

Says Margaret, "I remember thinking 'I don't, and we're a pair.' " She wrestled with the idea for several weeks and during a worship service where Frank was preaching, she says she "felt the Lord speak and that was it."

Time passed and Frank continued in the pastorate, Margaret teaching in music therapy. They began to pray

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Faces And Places

by anne washburn mcwilliams

The eastern gate

Dec. 25, 1981—From the window of Ruth Van Martin's house on the Mount of Olives tonight I looked out and saw spotlighted across the Kidron Valley the Golden Gate in Jerusalem's eastern wall. Only this morning I walked inside an empty tomb, outside the western wall, beyond the Damascus Gate, and read the announcement: "He is not here. He is risen." Then I was reminded of the way early Christians are said to have greeted each other: "The Lord is risen." Tonight I am thinking of the tradition that the Golden Gate will not open again until Jesus returns to earth, and that then he will pass through it.

Ruth's home church is First Baptist, Atlanta. For several years she has lived in Jerusalem. Here and in Bethlehem she has been used as a powerful Christian witness among Arabs.

Jan. 23, 1983—David died today of cancer. He was 22, and the son of my brother-in-law, Speedy McWilliams. Only last summer, when his illness was diagnosed, one of his legs was amputated. But that only briefly delayed what seemed inevitable. Then he married Linda, and she is expecting a baby. She told me, "From the night we met, he never wanted to let me out of his sight."

I remember so well when David himself was born (the "David" part of his name was for W.D., whose name is William David). As a baby he had blue eyes and dark hair, and big fat cheeks.

I never forgot an adventure he and I had when he was about 9 or 10, and I doubt if he forgot it either. We sat on some rocks near a chicken pen and got mites all over us.

He grew up to be a slender, good-looking, sweet and charming young man.

Jan. 25, 1983—David's funeral was at the Methodist church in Madison, where he and Linda were married, and were members. It's a beautiful old church, under big oak trees. The stained window behind the pulpit is a view of Jesus praying in the Garden of Gethsemane. The pastor who conducted the service said, "Some people expect 70 years, but David lived a full and happy life in 22

years." Together the congregation recited the 23rd Psalm. And the organist played "He touched me . . . one thing I know . . . he touched me, and made me whole."

Oct. 28, 1983—A newsletter came from Jerusalem, from Ruth Van Martin. I marked one section, for to me it has an Easter message: "I have a friend in Bethlehem who sketches scenes from the Bible on colored eggs. He takes a very fine pointed pen and sketches scenes from the life of Jesus on the small eggs. I have told him many times of the significance of the stories he sketches. Last week, when I went to visit him in Bethlehem, I learned on arriving at his shop that he had had a stroke and was quite ill. We found him at home with his three sons. They all wept as we prayed, and then all four of them accepted the Lord Jesus as their Savior.

"Many times I had taken a friend from a nearby souvenir shop with me when I visited the egg shop. I went to her and told her of his illness and his decision for Jesus. She too wept and said she would make the same decision—to accept Jesus. Later that same day our guide explained to our bus driver what was happening and they both decided to make the same decision—and ask Jesus to be their Savior."

Jan. 18, 1984—Ruth's letter which came today said that the "egg man" (who lived so long in the town where "the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us" and yet took so long to learn that that fact had a relevance to himself) "went to be with Jesus just one week after he was saved. Praise God for his timing."

April 16, 1984—To an old man in Israel and to a young man in Mississippi, Jesus gave a promise: "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself that where I am there ye may be also" (John 14:3).

"The Lord is risen."
"He is risen indeed."
And we should never stop talking about it.

Remember that song, "I'll meet you in the morning, just inside the eastern gate"? In the new Jerusalem.



Judson College National Alumnae Association President Sophie J. Garrett, left, of Mobile, presents the Outstanding Alumna Award to Ann Washburn McWilliams of Clinton during J-Day activities at the college. Mrs. McWilliams is a native of Alabama.

Record staffer is outstanding alumna

MARION, AL.—Anne Washburn McWilliams of Clinton, Miss., has been honored as Outstanding Alumna of Judson College. The award is given annually at the alumnae homecoming to an outstanding alumna who has achieved local, state, and/or national prominence in her chosen field.

Mrs. McWilliams is an accomplished editorial associate of the *Baptist Record*, official journal of the Mississippi Convention. Her column, "Faces and Places," appears weekly in the paper and has attained a sizeable readership.

She is the author of a book entitled *David Comes—When Faith Triumphs*, which is already received by Southern Baptists as a rare exposition and translated into other languages. She is a member of women's press associations on both state and national levels and continues to receive awards for her work from both organizations.

After graduation from Judson, the Alabama Baptist college for women, Mrs. McWilliams received a master's degree in English at Mississippi College and the master of religious education degree at Southwestern

Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

The award recipient has traveled to many areas of the world, including the Orient, Middle East, Central America, South America, and Europe.

"Anne paints word pictures of her travels, to the delight of her readers. In addition, she makes a simple fishing trip in Mississippi with her husband sound like an adventure . . ." wrote Donald T. McGregor, editor of the *Baptist Record*.

Mrs. McWilliams and her husband, W. D., are active members of Morrison Heights Church in Clinton.

Schuller wins and loses

LOS ANGELES (EP)—The California Board of Equalization has rendered a middle-of-the-road decision on the tax status of the Crystal Cathedral. The board's determination was met with ambivalence by Robert Schuller and the congregants of his Crystal Cathedral church.

Had the board endorsed the recommendations of its investigators and totally denied the church tax-exempt status, the church would have lost all of the \$465,000 it has paid. But with the ruling, as much as \$302,000 could be returned to the church.

Schuller's tax headaches began in 1982 when California authorities balked at the use of the Crystal Cathedral by profit-making businesses and performing artists. Schuller says his church exists to serve the community.

In its recent judgment, the board granted tax-exempt status on the entire cathedral for 1981. (The board determined that concerts and rentals to profit-making organizations did not begin until late in the year.) For 1982, the board denied tax-free status on the church's sanctuary and on about 30 of its auxiliary rooms. When the controversy arose in 1982, the church suspended the practices being questioned by the board.

Kindness makes a man attractive. And it is better to be poor than dishonest.—Proverbs 19:22

If a man's job is beneath his potential, while his wife not only makes more money but also has a prestigious job, he is 11 times more likely to die of heart disease in middle age.—Psychology Today

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Chafin will join seminary faculty

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Kenneth L. Chafin, for 12 years pastor of South Main Baptist Church, Houston, Tex., will join the faculty of Southern Seminary here as professor of preaching in the seminary's newly-established National Center for Christian Preaching.

Chafin, 57, went to the Houston church from the post of evangelism director of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in Atlanta. Earlier he had been professor of preaching and evangelism at Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., and from

1966 to 1971 was the first Billy Graham Professor of Evangelism at Southern Seminary.

Chafin has been a member of the executive board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas and is a trustee of Southwestern Seminary, where he earned the bachelor of divinity and doctor of theology degrees. He is also a graduate of the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque.

For 15 years, 1967-83, he was dean of the Billy Graham Schools of Evangelism, held in conjunction with

the Graham crusades around the world. Chafin is the author of four books.

South Main Baptist Church, has a resident membership of 6,000 and a budget of \$2.5 million.

Children cause the divorce of their parents . . . in the opinion of one-third of the young (ages 7-11) middle-class children surveyed. They feel their behavior is the reason for the split. Self-blame is most frequent in children under eight. With age comes a more realistic view.—Bottom Line

Board appoints five state couples

(Continued from page 4) again about foreign missions and Margaret developed the cancer. Though she fully recovered, the Foreign Mission Board requires five years after such surgery before it will consider applications.

After the five year wait, they began to feel the call to missions again, but they were in the process of adopting Rebekah, as they had done David, and the health of both sets of parents slowed them down.

"Our little theme song was 'We want to go so bad, but we can't,'" says Margaret.

Then last summer Frank and Margaret and others from Handsboro church went on a mission trip to Jamaica to teach Bible schools. There, say both, there was a feeling of "so right."

Her mother told them, "If God wants you to go into missions, don't let us stand in your way." His mother said, "What else can you do if the Lord has called you?"

They recall someone's definition of faith as "walking to the end of the light and taking another step."

That step, will take them to San Jose, Costa Rica, where Frank would be English language pastor of an international church, teaching in the theological institute there. The church has a Chinese and Spanish mission.

Son David has been excited from the very beginning. Daughter Rebekah wrote a note to a girlfriend in school. In it she wrote "I'm a mitane." And she is.

Born in Portsmouth, Va., Lay is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Lay of Union, Miss. While growing up he lived in Pascagoula and Union, Miss. He considers Union his hometown and First Baptist Church there his home church.

He received the bachelor of arts degree from William Carey College, Hattiesburg, Miss., and the master of theology degree from New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary. He also attended Clarke College, Newton, Miss.

He has worked as a teacher at Blue Mountain (Miss.) College and a school band director in Vancleave, Miss., and Metairie, La. He also has served as assistant pastor of State Boulevard Baptist Church, Meridian, Miss. He has been pastor of East Philadelphia Baptist Church,

Philadelphia, Miss.; Oak Grove Baptist Church, Prentiss, Miss.; Southside Baptist Church, Lucedale, Miss.; and Ingomar Baptist Church, New Albany, Miss. He also has served as a Foreign Mission Board volunteer in Jamaica.

Born in Columbia, Miss., Mrs. Lay, the former Margaret Carraway, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shelby M. Carraway of Prentiss, Miss. While growing up she lived in Prentiss and considers that city her hometown. She also considers Antioch Baptist Church, Prentiss, her home church.

She received the bachelor of music degree from William Carey College and the master of education degree from the University of Mississippi, Oxford. She has worked as a teacher in Philadelphia, New Albany and Gulfport. She also served with her husband as a Foreign Mission Board volunteer in Jamaica.

Ray

Charles A. Ray Jr. and his wife, Sheryl, were among 24 people named missionaries, April 10, by the Foreign Mission Board at Gulf Coast Coliseum, Biloxi.

The Rays will work in Korea, where he will be a seminary teacher

and she will be a church and home worker. Currently he is pastor of Pleasant Hill Church, Pine Grove, La.

Ray is the son of Southern Baptist missionaries in Japan. He was born in New Orleans. He also has lived in Moorhead and Greenwood, Miss. He considers Greenwood his hometown and North Greenwood Church there his home church.

He received the bachelor of arts and master of education degrees from Mississippi College, Clinton, and the master of divinity and doctor of theology degrees from New Orleans Seminary.

He has worked as a bus driver in New Orleans and a graduate assistant at Mississippi College. He also has served as a Baptist Student Union summer missionary in Nevada; associate pastor and minister of youth at Williams Boulevard Baptist Church, Kenner, La.; and a Mission Service Corps volunteer missionary in Korea sponsored by Louisiana Baptist Convention.

Born and reared in Jackson, Mrs. Ray, the former Sheryl Smith, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert O. Smith of Jackson. She considers Calvary Church, Jackson, her home church.

She received the bachelor of science in education degree from Mississippi College. She has worked in a

credit office in New Orleans and as a teacher in Jackson, New Orleans, and Pine Grove. She also served with her husband as a volunteer missionary in Korea. Presently she runs a small day-care facility in her home.

The Rays have three children: Angela Johanna, born in 1978; Charles Augustus III, 1980; and Kevin Lee, 1982. The family will go to Rockville, Va., in August for an eight-week orientation before leaving for the field.

Bowman

Near where Vic and Martha Bowman are going, there are places that have never recorded any rainfall—ever.

The Bowmans were appointed last week as Southern Baptist foreign missionaries to northern Chile in the city of Arica, population 150,000. The city is at the Atacama Desert, one of the driest areas of the world.

Vic and Martha Bowman, who live in Pelahatchie in east Rankin County, will be going where Southern Baptists have no missionaries working. He will be doing evangelism, church development, and theological education by extension.

They will be resigning the pastorate of Cross Roads Baptist Church,

where he has been pastor for 10 years and going to missionary orientation in Richmond, then language school, then a year of training alongside another missionary in Chile before heading to Arica.

The spot the Bowmans picked was the number one request from the other missionaries in the South American country, and it fit where the Bowmans felt could best serve. Vic has a hearing loss suffered in childhood. High tonal sounds are hard for him to pick up. That, to the couple, kept them from considering the far east where language is fast and high pitched. He made a high score on the language aptitude test and Spanish will be easy for them to learn.

Vic says he always knew God had a special place for him. The son of area chicken farmers, "I used to preach to the chickens," he admits. But he started the University of Southern Mississippi in accounting. He decided he needed to take Bible courses and transferred to Mississippi College. By 1972, he knew God was calling him into ministry when he attended a foreign missions commissioning service in Jackson. A summer stint as a Baptist Student Union summer missionary in Hawaii showed Vic "Hey, you can communicate with total strangers," and at

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Foreign Mission Board elects Cushing chairman

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ance and successfully complete a five-week training program will be commissioned July 20 to work two years assisting career missionaries overseas. Another group of journeyman candidates will be approved in November. Opening of the new missionary learning center near Richmond has made it possible to train the journeymen in smaller groups.

Board members elected Harrell Cushing, pastor of First Baptist Church, Gadsden, Ala., as chairman after a runoff ballot with Mark Corts, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, N.C.

Discussion at the meeting focused on the report of a special committee appointed to study ways to increase effectiveness of meetings of the 83-member board. Assured the reorganized schedule would not reduce time for consideration of important policy decisions, the board adopted the plan calling for six meetings a year but extending meeting time from two to three days on all meetings. Previously only the three major meetings each year have been three-day meetings.

Homer Beaver, vice president for administration, said the reduced number of meetings may save \$50,000 to \$60,000 a year.

8,000 witness high pageantry

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that Southern Baptists will continue to give them as they leave the country for foreign service.

The next day the FMB reappointed Herman and Dottie Hayes as missionaries. The couple will serve in Australia. They were formerly missionaries to Vietnam and Indonesia.

When originally appointed in 1959, Hayes was a Mississippi pastor.

As part of the plan, the board created a new chairman's advisory council composed of board officers and chairpersons of standing committees. But the board specified the council will function only as a forum for discussing ideas and will not in any way be considered as an executive committee.

The board also defined which items will be handled by the board and which will be considered staff decisions reportable to board committees.

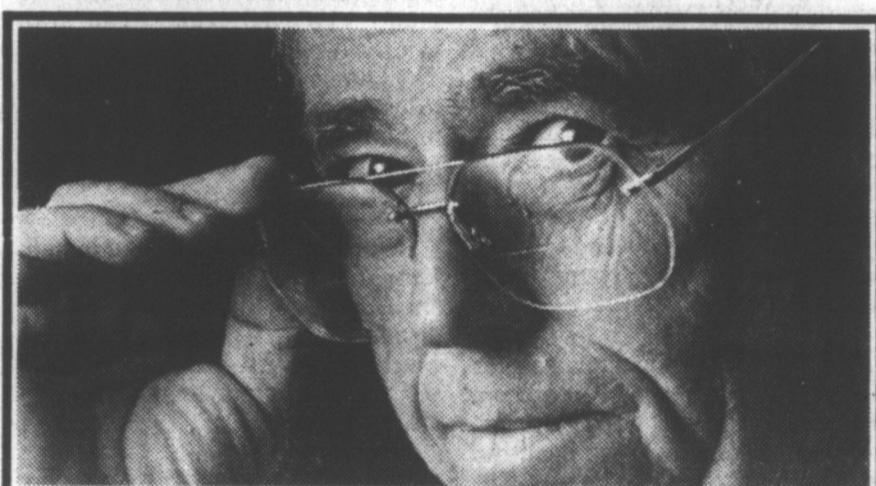
Chairman Gene Triggs of Yazoo City presented a 30-year service pin to President R. Keith Parks as board member Lucile Alexander pinned a corsage on his wife, Helen Jean Parks.

Bob Stanley is news director for the Foreign Mission Board.

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Home missions: the vision is within you.

Church's spring trip ends in tragedy

A trip planned for Senior Sunshiners and scheduled to end at Wister Gardens in Belzoni ended instead in tragedy April 10 for members of Morrison Heights Baptist Church, Clinton. One member was killed and two severely injured when they were struck by a pick-up truck trying to avoid hitting a line of vehicles stopped for a railroad construction crew.

Odom McDaniel, 78, of 622 Bellevue St., Clinton, was killed when the truck struck him as it turned over. The accident happened at 10:55 a.m., according to the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol. It was on U.S. 49E, north of Yazoo City near Eden.

About 25 of the church members were on the outing. Jan Cossitt, the church's director of activities, and Joe White, deacon, both of Clinton, who were standing with McDaniel outside the church bus, were also hit by the truck.

Miss Cossitt was taken to Hinds General Hospital in Jackson and White to Mississippi Baptist Medical Center. She had a broken hip, and on

Monday, April 16, had surgery on her wrist. With facial, shoulder, leg, and chest injuries, White was still in intensive care on Monday, and was scheduled for possible surgery Tuesday.

The truck driver was unhurt. No charges were filed, according to the highway patrol. The accident occurred when 13 vehicles had stopped, because of one-way traffic due to a construction crew. The church bus was 10th in line. To avoid hitting these parked vehicles, the truck driver pulled to the side of the road, not knowing that the people would be standing there; he did not see them, a patrolman said, until too late to take other action. When he hit the brakes, his truck turned over.

Funeral services were held April 12 for Odom McDaniel at Morrison Heights Church. He was a native of Louisiana, and a deacon of Morrison Heights. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Pauline Dees McDaniel; three sons; one daughter; one stepson; two sisters; 13 grandchildren; and five greatgrandchildren.

SS training events continue across state

A series of Sunday School leadership training events continues this week throughout Mississippi.

The series is called "Reach, Involve, Teach" and the conferences are established to train church Sunday School leaders to improve the quality of reaching, involving, and teaching Sunday School members and prospects.

Each program will be 7:30 p.m. in host churches.

Conference content will include locating and assigning prospects, identifying the need of outreach leaders and effective visitation programs, and providing motivation for reaching prospects. Also, the conference participants will look at ways to involve members in ministry and outreach through the Sunday School classes and departments. Help for improving the quality of Bible teaching with each of the age groups will be a significant part of the conference content. Attention will be given to how to use curriculum materials for more effective teaching and evangelism through the Sunday School.

Conferences will be provided for preschool, children, youth, adult, and outreach leaders, with general officers in each of the associations hosting the meetings.

Dates and locations of the conferences are April 19: Columbia, First Church; Long Beach, First; Hattiesburg, Temple; Natchez, First; Forest, Forest; Vicksburg, First.

April 23—Corinth, First; Senatobia, First; Grenada, Emmanuel; Greenwood, First; Kosciusko, First; Greenville, First.

April 24—Blue Mountain, Lowrey Memorial.

April 26—Clarksdale, Clarksdale; West Point, First; Tupelo, Calvary;

Oxford, North Oxford; Calhoun City, First; Philadelphia, First; Jackson, Ridgeland.

May 1—Yazoo City, First.

For more details concerning the conferences, contact the Sunday School Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Box 530, Jackson, Miss. 39205.

Missionary News

Thomas and Marilyn Nabors, Southern Baptist representatives since 1971, resigned March 31. They served in Gaza and transferred to Israel in 1977. He was director/manager of the Baptist Book Store in Jerusalem, Israel, and she was a church and home worker. He is a native of Smithville, Miss., and she is a Missourian. They may be addressed at 105 S. Long St., Apt. 2, Starkville, Miss. 39759.

Mississippi Baptist activities

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| Apr. 22 | Easter |
| Apr. 23 | "Reach, Involve, Teach" Meeting: 7:30 p.m.; FBC, Corinth/FBC Senatobia/FBC, Greenwood/FBC Kosciusko/Emmanuel BC, Grenada/FBC, Greenville (SS) |
| Apr. 24 | "Reach, Involve, Teach" Meeting; 7:30 p.m.; Lowrey Memorial BC, Blue Mountain (SS) |
| Apr. 26 | "Reach, Involve, Teach" Meeting; 7:30 p.m.; Calvary BC, Tupelo/Clarksdale BC, Clarksdale/FBC, West Point/FBC, Calhoun City/FBC, Philadelphia/N. Oxford BC, Oxford/Ridgecrest BC, Jackson (SS) |
| Apr. 27-28 | Associational WMU Officer Training; Camp Garaywa; 5:30 p.m., 27th-3 p.m., 28th (WMU) Language Missions Leadership Conference: First Indian Church, Jackson Association; Noon, 27th-Noon, 28th (CoMi) Music Reading Composer & Arranger Symposium; Parkway BC, Jackson; 10 a.m., 27th-3 p.m., 28th (CM) |



Equipping Center donation

Granville Watson, director of missions of Sunflower Association accepts a check for \$50,000 from Earl Kelly, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. The check was an anonymous donation to reduce the debt of the Baptist Equipment Center at the state penitentiary at Parchman. This reduced the amount still owed on the center, directed by Missionary Ovis Fairley, to \$38,000. \$30,000 of the check came from the anonymous donor and the Home Mission Board added \$20,000, to concur with an agreement to match funds raised on a 40-60 basis. The Equipping Center is used primarily by employees of the prison and their families for religious and recreational programs.

Brotherhood announces RA camp schedules

Royal Ambassador Camp schedules for 1984 have been announced by the state Brotherhood Department which operates the camps at Central Hills Baptist Retreat near Kosciusko.

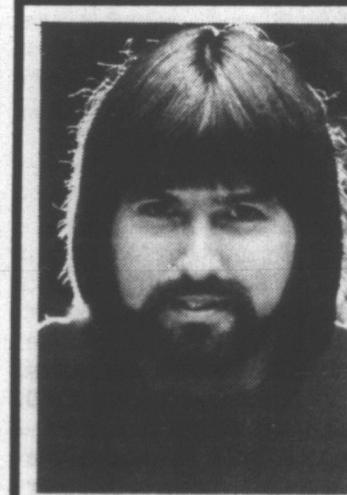
There will be 10 camp sessions for boys in grades 4-12; and three Dad/Lad Weekends for boys in grades 1-3 with their fathers.

The 10 resident camps for older boys will cost \$50 per person and will take place June 4-8, June 11-15, June 18-22, June 25-29, July 2-6, July 9-13, July 23-27, July 30-Aug. 3, and Aug. 6-13.

The Dad/Lad Weekends will cost \$12.50 per person and will be June 22-23, July 13-14, and July 27-28.

Resident camps begin on Monday mornings at 10 a.m. through Friday at 12:30 p.m. Dad/Lad Weekend campers will arrive Friday afternoon at 3 and leave at the same time the next day.

For details and reservations, contact the Brotherhood Department, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205.



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Thursday, April 19, 1984

65 journeymen approved by Foreign Mission Board

BILOXI, Miss. — The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, during its April meeting in Biloxi, approved 65 young adults for training as journeymen.

All college graduates age 26 and under, the journeymen candidates expect to work as auxiliary personnel for two years alongside Southern Baptist career and associate missionaries in 33 nations.

They will be the first journeymen to be trained at the board's new Missionary Learning Center in Rockville, Va., which opened April 6. Last year journeymen were trained at Meredith College in Raleigh, N.C.

The candidates come from 28 states. Texas claims the largest group, with 10. Eight come from North Carolina, and four each from Virginia, Oklahoma, and Colorado.

The group includes two married couples, 32 single women and 29 single men.

Those who receive medical clearance and successfully complete a five-week training program beginning June 14, will be commissioned for service July 20.

Another group of journeymen candidates will be approved in November.

Three Mississippians were among those appointed.

Regina Harlow who was assigned as a youth director at Baptist Chapel, Bogota, Colombia, most recently employed as minister of youth at Lowrey Memorial Church, Blue Mountain, Miss.

Current address: Rt. 1, Box 315, Aberdeen, Miss. 39730. College: Hinds Junior College, Raymond; Itawamba Junior College, Fulton; Blue Mountain College, B.A. expected in '84. In BSU she was devotional chairman and on the missions committee. She was a Home Mission Board summer missionary in Virginia and made a mission trip to Colombia. Church: Lowrey Memorial.

Daughter of Rosalind Harlow of Jackson, Miss., and Ralph Harlow of Amory, Miss. She was born and reared in Amory.

Kevin Peacock, who was assigned as a youth worker in Peterhead, Scotland, most recently employed as youth director at Raymond Church. Current address: P.O. Box 4839, Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss. 39058. College: Mississippi College, B.M.E. expected in '84. In BSU he

was on the action and revival teams, member of the mixed ensemble, family group leader and group Bible study leader. He also was camp counselor and program director at Camp Alkulana, Millboro Springs, Va., sponsored by Richmond Baptist Association. Church: Raymond. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy R. Peacock of Richmond. His father is consultant for partnership evangelism, Evangelism and Church Growth Ministries, Foreign Mission Board, SBC. He was born in Natchez, Miss., and also has lived in Ridgecrest and New Orleans, La.; Jackson, Miss.; Korea; and Richmond. He considers Clinton his hometown.

Harlow



Peacock



Wanker

Mark Wanker who was assigned as a secretary and correspondence course assistant director in Alcobendas, Spain, most recently employed as a graduate assistant at the University of Mississippi. Current address: 2710 Pinebrook Dr., Jackson, Miss. 39212. College: Hinds Junior College, Raymond, Miss., A.A. '80; Belhaven College, Jackson, Miss.; Laval University, Quebec, Canada; Mississippi College, Clinton, B.A. '82; University of Mississippi, M.A. expected in '84. In BSU he was international chairman. He also was a summer missionary in California and made mission trips to Mexico and Honduras. Church: McDowell Road Baptist, Jackson. Son of T. M. Wanker of Jackson, and the late Mrs. T. M. Wanker. He was born in Indianola, Miss. He considers Jackson his hometown.

Chaplain co-member of nuns' order

DAYTON, Ohio (BP) — A Southern Baptist minister from Texas has become a co-member of the Franciscan Sisters of the Poor, a Catholic order of nuns.

Allen Weimer, who was commissioned as a hospital chaplain by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1982, says he has abandoned the stereotypes of nuns he held in his youth and is at home as part of the pastoral ministry team at St. Elizabeth's Medical Center in Dayton, Ohio. He works in the emergency room and in the cardiac care unit.

He joined the staff of St. Elizabeth's last fall. The covenant means he prays for the sisters and serves as a bridge between the Catholic and Protestant communities.

Foreign Board appoints 5 Mississippi couples

(Continued from page 6)

graduation from Mississippi College, he became interim and later fulltime pastor of Cross Roads, his only pastorate to date.

He and Martha married in 1980 after she had finished a master's degree in home economics from USM and had taught at Berry College in Georgia for three years. Now she teaches home economics at Jackson's Murrah High School.

In 1981, Martha realized that she had never given her life to Christ when a guest preacher at the church spoke of non-Christian church members. She told Vic that she'd had a head knowledge of Jesus, but not heart knowledge. The next Sunday, she made a public profession of faith in Christ and Vic baptized her that night. As a result of that event, another young woman in the church accepted Jesus also.

Son and daughter of church-going families—both fathers are Baptist deacons—the couple has struggled with leaving family and familiar surroundings. Martha told Vic that going overseas with him wasn't the problem, that she wanted to serve, but "farther down the road." Later she, along with Vic, realized that they were already "farther down the road" and it was time to go.

Born in Brandon, Miss., Bowman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert L. Bowman of Pelahatchie. While growing up he also lived in Pearl, Miss. He considers Pelahatchie his hometown and Concord Baptist Church there his home church.

He received the bachelor of arts degree from Mississippi College, Clinton, and the master of divinity degree from New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary. He also attended the University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg.

He has worked as a teacher in Pelahatchie. He also served as a Baptist Student Union summer missionary in Hawaii.

Born in Jackson, Miss., Mrs. Bowman, the former Martha Martin, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Martin of Brandon, Miss. She considers Mendenhall, Miss., her hometown and Cato Baptist Church there her home church.

She received the bachelor of science degree from Mississippi State (Miss.) University, and the master of

science degree from the University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg. She has worked as a teacher at Berry College, Mount Berry, Ga.; and in high schools in Walnut Grove, Enterprise and Jackson, Miss. She also served as a Foreign Mission Board Mission Service Corps volunteer in Barbados.

Racey

Michael and Annette Racey were among 24 people named missionaries by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board April 10 at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum, Biloxi, Miss.

The Raceys will work in Chile, where he will be a general evangelist and she will be a church and home worker. Formerly he was pastor of Union South Baptist Church, Seminary, Miss.

Born and reared in Biloxi, Miss., Racey is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. Racey of that city. He considers Bay Vista Baptist Church there his home church.

He received the bachelor of arts degree from William Carey College, Hattiesburg, and the master of religious education degree from New Orleans Seminary.

He has served as pastor of Hillcrest Church, Lucedale; Dinan Church, Tylertown; and Phalti Church, Prentiss.

Born in Mobile, Ala., Mrs. Racey, the former Annette Evans, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde C. Evans of Biloxi. She grew up in Biloxi and considers that city her hometown. She also considers Bay Vista Baptist Church there her home church.

She attended Jones County Junior College, Ellisville, Miss., and the University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg. Currently she attends William Carey College on the Coast, Biloxi.

She has worked as an accounting clerk at Baptist Book Store, New Orleans. She also has served as secretary at Thirty Eighth Avenue Church and Temple Church, both in Hattiesburg.

The Raceys have two children: Jeremy Clyde, born in 1976; and Joshua Allen, 1980. The family will go to Rockville, Va., in August for an eight-week orientation before leaving for the field.

Southwestern approves budget

FORT WORTH, Texas (BP) — Southwestern Seminary's board of trustees has approved a record budget of \$16.3 million for the 1984-85 academic year, a 2.2 percent increase over the current year.

Included in the budget is an anticipated \$6.8 million from the Cooperative Program, the Southern Baptist Convention's support program for its various agencies and institutions. The budget reflects an across-the-board one percent salary increase for faculty and full-time staff.

Four additions were made to the faculty: Wynona Tipton Elder was named as assistant professor of

psychology and counseling; Daryl R. Eldridge, instructor in foundations; Gary W. Waller, assistant professor of administration; and Elem H. Eley, assistant professor of voice.

Carl R. Wrotenberry was named as director of libraries, to succeed Keith C. Wills, who has held the position since 1966 and will retire July 31, 1984. Wrotenberry is the current director of libraries at Houston Baptist University.

Atop a list of promotions were J. W. MacGorman to distinguished professor of New Testament and Robert S. Douglass, distinguished professor of musicology.

Baptist pastor receives highest Hungary medal

By Knud Wumpelmann

BUDAPEST (BP) — Baptist Pastor Janos Laczkovszki, 67, has received the highest civil award of the Hungarian People's Republic.

The Gold Medal was granted for his outstanding service as president of the Baptist Union of Hungary during the past 17 years. The Hungarian Free-Church Council recommended Laczkovszki, who becomes the second clergyman ever to receive the honor.

During his presidential terms, Baptists in Hungary have built or renovated 41 church buildings, 25 of which have included pastor's homes. In addition, two large buildings and two smaller ones presently are under construction.

This extensive building activity followed a long period when no church structures could be built or restored. It is the result of a remarkable financial and voluntary labor effort on the part of Hungarian Baptists, who were supported to some extent by Baptists outside Hungary.

Laczkovszki resigned as president at the Baptist Union Assembly held in Budapest March 21-23. In his closing presidential address, he reported more than 10,000 books had been printed during 1983, compared to an earlier time in the 1960s when some 2,000 books were published over a

three-year period.

Some Baptist publications are available in public book stores as well as in church outlets. Of 7,000 copies of a hymn book with notes recently printed, only 600 copies are left. Because it contains a popular selection of some 170 children's songs, the hymnal also is used by Reformed and Lutheran churches.

Laczkovszki further reported the Union's churches had baptized 301 new Christian converts last year. The Hungarian Baptist community, including children of member families and friends who regularly attend services, numbers more than 20,000 persons.

He also reported a new photocopy machine, received from the European Baptist Federation, had been admitted into the country without customs duty, and already has been in frequent use by the Baptist Theological Seminary in Budapest and the Union offices.

Laczkovszki, 67, has been pastor of Baptist congregations in Hungary for 40 years. He has been a member of the European Baptist Federation Council and was vice president of the Baptist World Alliance, 1970-75.

(Wumpelmann is general secretary of the European Baptist Federation.)

SCRAPBOOK

Easter happenings

Cold stones; springtime;
Crosses on a hill;
Drops of red blood,
Christ's blood spilled.

Crucifixion;
Blood, crimson red;
Spilled on a city
Now quiet, still, and dead.

A betrayal;
No one to care;
A denial;
Midnight of despair.

Diabolical thorns;
Condemned, God's son.
Beatings, floggings;
The world had won.

Then burial;
Three days come, go;
Now all seemed lost
For the world below.

Fear and tremblings;
Disappointments;
Mary Magdalene,
Sweet smelling scents.

An angel came!
"Don't be afraid!"
Stone's rolled away
Where he was laid.

Now remember, gold
Frankincense, myrrh;
God's plan, on time.
Sunrise! It's Easter!

—Elsie Day Cruthirds-Hutto
Gulfport

Glorious Easter

Winter has gone away,
spring is here
bringing sun and showers,
purple martins.
A stirring begins in the earth,
seeds wake, and tender plants,
no longer dormant, grow.
King Alfred daffodils
blare their gold.
The hyacinth, blue
as Dutch porcelain
sweet-scents the air.
The tulip's crimson
brightens walkways.
A mockingbird practices
his musical notes, imitates
the wood thrush.
Every new leaf and bud
proclaims rebirth.

This joyful season
we look to Easter.
It affirms a holy time, a time of rejoicing.
The darkness of the cruel night
when Jesus lay buried
in death's tomb.
turned into a glorious morning.
The angel spoke God's promise,
announced eternal life,
"He is not here,
but is risen."

—Eunice D. Barnes
Pascagoula

Stands a lily

Soft among the scattered stone
Stands a lily all alone.
And bright with purple is it flared,
Symbolic of its passion shared.
For long ago, a prisoned soul
Did likewise burst from rock bound
hole,
And arose from earth all glorified,
Three days after he had died!

—Bert Hamill
Vicksburg

The dawn came quietly

The dawn came quietly
As the darkness slowly gave way,
While the women watched and
waited
For the night to become day.

The dawn came quietly
As the new week had begun,
And they waited quietly by the grave
Of God's only begotten son.

The dawn came quietly
But soon came the sound
Of a message that shook the earth;
An empty grave was all they found!

Yes, the dawn came quietly
And a new day had for all begun,
For Satan had lost the battle
As God reclaimed his son.

—Winford McInnis
Pittsboro

The door is open

That night when they took him down
They took him down off the tree
Everybody thought
Thought it couldn't be.

But later, three days after
After the death of my Lord
An angel came down from heaven
And opened the big stone door.

Yes, now the door is open
Yes, my God could open it for me
Yes, I, a sinner, can now
At last be free!

—Shelley Davis
Columbus
(Grade 6)

The empty tomb

"Tho clouds would oft obscure my path—
And I tread the verge of gloom—
His love shines through, and my heart sings—
When I think of the Empty Tomb.

—Mamie W. Lenaz, Gulfport

Christ acts when man is without hope.—(Paul Tournier)

Faith spans the gulf of death with
the bridge of eternal life.—David Durand

Easter and blessings

A surge of goodness filled my being
as I walked outside today. It is all of
God's goodness, not just one thing I
could say. It's early; I've been relax-
ing, watching the morning show. I've
finished my cup of coffee, followed by
some hot cocoa.

The men, still at their morning
chores, are working in the dairy
barn. Animals are grazing, feeling
breezes over our hillside farm. Busy-
ing myself—so much to do—I've no
time for phone conversation—
husband will be in, don't know when,
and food's out for preparation.

Cool and dampness I feel. I may not
see the sun today. One thing may ac-
count for my joy—it's nearing Easter
Day. I sorted out each gift with love,
wondering what each would say.
Easter will soon be here—
grandchildren, too. We'll make pic-
tures; they'll play. Lord, I know so
well, as I feel my heart swell—twas
you! Twas you, Lord, who filled
me—you we owe our gratitude.

If it were not for Jesus, there would
be no Easter, nor my heart filled.
Blessings wouldn't be so dear; thank
you, Jesus. I can't say it's just one
day, or any certain day, feelings of
goodness overflow my soul, leave me
feeling this way. God's blessings sur-
round me; his goodness fills me
today as yesterday. It's not the first
Easter. He's long been risen, many
Easterdays.—Bessie Stewart Pres-
cott, Magnolia.

There'll be a resurrection

The crepe myrtle by my window
Is bare and brown and looks quite
dead
Since winter's left its toll.
But wait...

In just a few more days
There'll be a resurrection of
Green leaves and buds bursting into
flowers
Forming a brilliant bouquet.

And birds will be nesting,
Filling the air with songs,
Bringing new life and beauty
To the tree that was barren.

Because God's Son loved us so much
And died upon a tree,
We too will be resurrected
In just a few more days.

—Ruby Singley
Columbia

Death is not proud

Oh death—where is your sting?
Like the bee you come—
penetrate man's being,
leaving your mark.
You think the dying
is the final process
so you leave and die yourself.
Not so.
Recovery visits
and you alone die.
So in the end,
the One who heals
lives an eternity
without death
without fear of death
without pain.

—Hope Starnes
Greenville 38701

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Launch delay slows BTN program start

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—A
delay in the scheduled launch of The
Spacenet I satellite has changed the
start of regular BTN programming
to July 2, 1984, according to Joe
Denney, manager of telecommunications
at the Baptist Sunday School Board.

BTN, a denominational training
network operated by the Sunday
School Board for churches, will still
broadcast live portions of this year's
Southern Baptist Convention from
Kansas City June 12 and 13 as previ-
ously announced.

The SBC telecast and limited pro-
gramming beginning June 18 will be
beamed to churches on a temporarily
rented satellite transponder.
Churches will be notified of the loca-
tion of the satellite and will receive
instructions for positioning TVRO
satellite antennas.

Programming was originally
scheduled to begin June 1 and would
have included the special SBC broad-
casts from Kansas City, Mo. Plans
now call for the SBC broadcasts as
announced plus limited program
broadcasts June 18-29, Monday
through Friday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Programs to be broadcast June
18-29 include Sunday School Life and
Work Series lesson previews for
youth and adults and topics related to
church training, church music,
media library and building space. A
one-hour program of highlights from
the Southern Baptist Convention is
set for Friday, June 22. A full pro-
gramming schedule will begin July 2
from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Central Day-
light Time).

Denney also announced the BTN
signal will not be scrambled in July,
but will be scrambled beginning Aug.
1. A decoding device will be provided
to each subscribing church to un-
scramble the signal. Subscription
charges will begin July 1.

Preparatory efforts are progres-
sing steadily toward the start of

programming, Denney said. The up-
link facility is expected to be com-
pleted about May 1 and the taping
schedule calls for 178 programs to be
taped between April and June.

Denney added churches will likely
receive a few additional programs in
June as technicians test the equip-
ment before and after scheduled
broadcasts.

Churches or other Baptist groups
interested in obtaining a BTN receiv-
ing antenna should contact the
Broadman sales department.

Revival Dates

Harrisburg Church, Tupelo:
Sun.-Wed., April 29-May 2;
evangelist: Brian Harbour of First
Church, Pensacola, Fla.; music
evangelist: Russell Newport of
Springfield, Mo.; Larry W. Fields,
pastor.

Chesterville Church, Tupelo: April
22-27; evangelist, Horace Thomas,
pastor of Shiloh Church, Corinth;
music directed by Mike Davis, music
director at Trinity Church, Fulton;
Gregg Thomas, pastor; Sunday night
at 7; at 7:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

Grace Church, Vicksburg: April
23-26; evangelist, W. D. Kirk, pastor
of First, Valley Park; Terry Busby,
minister of music at Grace, to direct
music nightly at 7 p.m.; Bryan Abel,
pastor.

Beulah Church, Myrtle: April
29-May 2; Marvin Cox, director of
missions, Union County, preaching;
Sammy Hood, music leader; Tommy
Snyder, pastor.

The average child spends 24.5
hours a week watching TV and in a
year sees 20,000 commercial mes-
sages about what to play with, what
to buy, or ask a parent to buy.—
Nielsen Ratings



Does a 10-year-old like ice cream?

By Hal B. Lee Jr.
Southern Baptist missionary to France

To ask me to give my appreciation
for the Cooperative Program is like
asking a 10 year old if he likes ice
cream! I sure do!

The Cooperative Program and Lot-
tie Moon Christmas offering are the
financial support systems for my
ministry. And having been in France
for 21 years means a long time of
faithful support that Southern Baptists
treats have given.

Such support enables one to devote
himself fully to his work, and to re-
main where he is needed year in,
year out.

As a pioneer mission pastor, I have
seen the work that Southern Baptists
make possible. In 1982, our mission
church in Lyon was forced to aban-

don its building and move into tem-
porary facilities (a member's gar-
age).

It was a great blow to the congrega-
tion, but they and their missionary
pastor were faithful to their calling
and continued to meet, and look for
another building. They found one, a
small appliance store in a more
peaceful part of the city. It was
rented, and renovated, and is an attrac-
tive meeting place for worship,
training, and outreach.

Beginning again for this church
was made possible by the giving of
the members, and the funds that
came from Southern Baptists. Thank
you for victory! Thank you for our
Cooperative Program.

Three days on the Mississippi coast

"Bless These Homes," sang Naymond Thomas, in rich bass-baritone. Gathered around him were the 12 couples to be commissioned next day, to be sent out by the Foreign Mission Board, SBC. They were present for a banquet in the Convention Center of the Coast Coliseum on the evening of April 9, and the words of this closing prayer had been written by Marjorie Kelly.

Preparations for the Foreign Mission Board's meeting on the Mississippi coast had been going on for a year, or more. My husband and I arrived in Biloxi late Monday afternoon, in time for the banquet which the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board gave to welcome the foreign board's members from many states, as well as its Richmond staff representatives.

At our table we met Mr. and Mrs. Wendell McClinton (he is FMB member from Nashville, Tenn.) and had a chance for some good fellowship with Mr. and Mrs. John Brock (he is pastor at Van Winkle, Jackson.)

Decorations had placed some of Mississippi on the tables—azaleas and moss for the state; sand and sea shells for the coast; and a bit of wood to represent Mississippi Baptist church pews. Mrs. Frank Gunn was chairman of the decorations committee. Her husband, Frank, pastor of First Church, Biloxi, was chairman of the steering committee for local arrangements.

While we were eating, Larry Robinson, director of Jackson State University Singers, played the piano. Mr. Robinson, singer as well as pianist, is a Mississippian and a graduate of Tougaloo College. Afterward, Naymond Thomas, director of Opera South and assistant professor of music at Jackson State, presented a program in song. He is a native of New York and a graduate of the University of Louisville. My favorites in the first half of his performance were "Without a Song" and "Old Man River." And then he called the 24 missionary appointees

to the platform and sang to them "Amazing Grace." As scenes from the countries where the new missionaries will be going were flashed on a screen, Thomas sang "The Impossible Dream," and he followed that with "Bless These Homes." Those homes will be in Korea, Jordan, Belgium, South Africa, Uruguay, Argentina, Chile, Bolivia, and Costa Rica.

Actually, the Foreign Mission Board's meetings began at 10 a.m. on Monday, and committee meetings went on all day Monday and Tuesday. Then Wednesday morning, the Board met in full session. It was most interesting to me to get a look at how this type of meeting is carried out. Eighty Board members representing Southern Baptists across the U.S. met with personnel from the offices in Richmond. Gene Triggs of Yazoo City is chairman; other Mississippi members are Larry Kennedy, pastor at First, Laurel, and W. W. Walley, physician from Waynesboro.

The Board has been meeting maybe eight or nine times a year, with at least one of the meetings away from Richmond. On Wednesday morning, however, they decided to try meeting only six times a year. The committee meetings are open to anyone who cares to visit.

In the Communications Committee, I had a chance to match faces with some Richmond personnel I've met before only by mail or by phone. In the Retirement Committee meeting, W. W. Walley, chairman, plans were made to recognize a Board staffer who will retire at the end of this year.

Tuesday was a perfect sunshiny spring day. The state WMU department and members of the state WMU board were busy in the foyer of the Convention Center preparing refreshments for break times between committee meetings. They were slicing cheese and fresh fruits, and spreading cauliflower and carrot chunks around pungent dips. And they were keeping the coffee pots filled and refilled.

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

One time in the foyer I saw Keith Parks, president of the Foreign Mission Board, rush with open arms to greet Miss Edwina Robinson (state WMU director, retired). I heard him tell her that it's been 30 years, this year, since he and his wife were appointed as missionaries.

Henderson Belk, Board member from North Carolina, said that his pastor in Charlotte used to be Carl Bates, former Mississippian and former SBC president. "He always told me Mississippi was the best state, and now I believe it!" he said. Every Board member I met expressed thanks for their warm welcome and inferred that Mississippi's reputation for hospitality had not been overrated. (Of course, I knew that already but was glad to know they agreed.)

Mrs. W. W. Walley of Waynesboro told me that she enjoyed the tour provided for the wives of Board members. She said they went to Beauvoir and then drove to Gulfshore for lunch.

On Tuesday's lunchtime break, W. D. and I walked a mile down the beach, to get a taste of the sun and sand and salty breeze. Then, about mid-afternoon, I sat on a bench beside the Coliseum for a little while, to watch as more and more people began to arrive, and as excitement mounted. A florist's truck drove up to deliver flowers to be placed in front of the speaker's stand. Flagbearers arrived and lined up to register. Choir members unloaded from vans and buses and cars, ready to start practicing. Dot Pray, who would be playing the organ for the appointment service Tuesday night, came walking by and said, "I'm dressed for tonight already, as I wouldn't have time to go and change again." Soon Dan Hall, who would be leading the congregational singing, came by with his wife, Mera. Tim Nicholas was checking on delivery of full-color tabloids with stories about the appointment service. These had been distributed too in Coast and Jackson Sunday papers.

W. D. and I decided to go early to

the Coliseum, as hundreds were doing. The appointment service was to start at 7. By 6 the place was nearly half full, but we got a good seat, low, front row, on one side, about three sections from the front. This, we thought, would give better visibility than on the center floor. Jackie Winters and Jim Didlake of the Brotherhood department and D. P. Smith were giving directions to flagbearers. The choir and orchestra were still getting warmed up. Other musicians beside Dan and Dot were Leon Bedsole, Lee Poquette, and Martha Duggar.

The woman sitting next to me said she was Mrs. Coleman from First Baptist Church, Gulfport. She said she had come about 4:30 so they would have a chance to meet some friends, but she still had not eaten the brown bag supper she brought along.

People had come from all over Mississippi, as well as from Louisiana and Alabama, and perhaps other places, to attend this appointment service. The coliseum, said to hold 11,000, was almost full. A coliseum worker estimated the crowd at 8,000. "I'm so thankful to the Lord he let me come to this!" said Mrs. Joyce Bouchillon, member of Murphy Creek Church, Winston County. "The girls with me loaned me plenty of Kleenex!" Many had brought their children to see this "once in a lifetime" occurrence.

It would be hard to say which part of the service was the most inspiring. The flag bearers, carrying flags of the 102 countries where Southern Baptists have missionaries, marched in to the strains of "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations." The 600-voice choir sang "Jesus is All the World to Me." Twenty-four missionaries being appointed gave testimonies that told why they decided to become missionaries. Keith Parks gave each of them a certificate and directed to them the Scripture, "Do not neglect the gift that is in you." I doubt that anyone of those 8,000 did not feel uplifted and drawn nearer to God as 65 persons walked to the front,

during the invitation hymn, "Wherever He Leads I'll Go." Among these were 54 who said they were surrendering their lives for mission service (one, I heard later, was a medical doctor).

Afterward, dozens of us gathered at Shoney's for a late, late supper and a sort of relaxing in the afterglow of the night's main event.

Next morning the Foreign Mission Board, in its full session meeting, reappointed Herman and Dottie Hayes. They formerly served in Vietnam and Indonesia and had for some years been working with the Richmond office, but they felt, they said, that God was calling them back overseas. (Once he was pastor in Mississippi.)

On Wednesday, the Foreign Mission Board invited Mississippi Baptist Convention Board personnel and various other Mississippians to a sort of "thank you" meal. The food was every bit as delicious as that at the Monday night banquet. Next to us sat Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Brasington (he directs the mission work in Western South America) and Mr. and Mrs. David Spencer, (he is pastor at First, Long Beach).

For the 24 new missionaries, for Herman and Dottie Hayes, and for those who responded to the invitation on Tuesday night, last week was a time of new beginnings.

Missionary News

Douglas Kellum, missionary to the Philippines, has arrived in the States for furlough (address: Box 297, Tutwiler, Miss. 38963). Born in Clarksdale, Miss., he grew up in Tutwiler. He was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1980.



Murphy Creek Church, Winston County, is an example of the many churches across the state which had a group of its members to travel to the mission appointment service on the coast last week. Left to right are Joyce Bouchillon; Louise Hill Miller; Andrea Hemphill; Diane Hindman; Sandra Hill (on back row); Acteens director; Jeanie Heartley, youth director; and Mrs. Arnold Davis, pastor's wife. These and five others from Murphy Creek made the trip. They stayed overnight at Gulfshore.

Singing churchmen will appear in spring concert

The spring concert of the Mississippi Singing Churchmen will be at Parkway Church, Jackson, on Tuesday, April 24, at 7:30 p.m.

Under the direction of Milford Valentine, the Singing Churchmen will present a program of sacred and patriotic music with the accompaniment of full orchestra.

A live recording of the program will be made by Dogwood Productions, Inc. of Mobile and will be available on cassette tapes a few weeks following the program Tuesday night. Orders for this tape (\$8) will be taken at the concert.

There will be no nursery provided and due to the "live" recording very young children and babies should not attend. Every person, regardless of

age, will need a ticket. Tickets may be purchased at the door (\$4 donation) or ordered in advance of the program. All proceeds from the concert, after expenses are paid, will be placed in the Singing Churchmen's Mission Fund.

"We are anticipating 80 men in this choir for Tuesday's program," said Arnold Bridges, Handsboro Church, Gulfport.

The early Egyptians' calendar had 12 months of 30 days each and added five days at the end of the year for a total of 365 days. The year was divided into three seasons of four months each, called Flood Time, Seed Time, and Harvest Time.

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SBTS establishes social work school

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP)—Trustees of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, approved the addition of 12 faculty members, established the Carver School of Church Social Work, and confirmed the appointment of C. Ann Davis, WMU professor of church social work to be the first dean of the new school.

The 63-member board also changed the name of the School of Religious Education to School of Christian Education, ratified the appointment of William E. Rogers as dean of the school, and authorized the granting of the master of arts degree in Christian education to replace the master of religious education degree.

The appointment of G. Willis Bennett as dean of the school of theology also was confirmed. Bennett and Rogers, both faculty members at the seminary, had been named to their posts by President Roy L. Honeycutt, pending trustee approval.

During the three-day session, trustees observed the seminary's 125th anniversary as the oldest institution of the Southern Baptist Convention. A convocation address by alumnus and former SBC president James L. Sullivan and the premier of "God's Unfinished Dream," an original drama reviewing the seminary's history, highlighted the celebration.

Lloyd Lee Mims was hired as assistant professor of church music. He is completing a doctor of musical arts degree at Southern seminary and serving as an instructor in church music. Mims is former minister of music at Collins Baptist Church and was a contract specialist in orchestral, youth, and adult music for the MBCB Church Music Department.

The new school of church social

work brings full circle the seminary's involvement in the preparation of students for Christian social ministries.

The Woman's Missionary Union Training School, founded in 1907 with the help of Southern Seminary Professor W. O. Carver, began teaching social work methods in 1912. It was renamed the Carver School of Missions and Social Work in 1953 and merged with the seminary in 1963.

Since that time, the seminary's adopted program of social work has grown to become the largest of its kind and Southern is currently the only seminary in the United States which offers the master of social work degree. More than 90 percent of its graduates now serve in church and denomination positions.

In other matters trustees:

Approved an operating budget of \$11,848,062 and a capital budget of \$350,000 for the fiscal year which begins August, 1984;

Discussed plans for the proposed campus center complex, which will provide a teaching facility for the seminary's new training program in Christian family ministry, to include a physical fitness center, health clinic, and a student activities building. The project also will provide expanded housing and classroom space for the continuing education program. The Southern Baptist Convention pledged \$2.8 million for the construction for the \$12.2 million facility for which funds will be sought from individuals, alumni and friends in keeping with the Southern Baptist Convention business and financial plan;

Changed the title of Harold S. Songer to vice president for academic affairs, reflecting his increased responsibility.

Mission leader resigns; admits misappropriation

COLUMBIA, S.C. (BP)—N. Larry Bryson, director of the missions department for the South Carolina Baptist Convention, has resigned, citing "misappropriation of funds for which I was responsible," as the reason.

Ray P. Rust, executive secretary-treasurer and chief executive officer of the convention, accepted Bryson's letter of resignation and said it is effective immediately.

The letter of resignation was dated March 21, just nine days after Bryson was promoted to become director of the division of missions and evangelism under a major reorganization of the Baptist Building staff.

Rust presented the resignation to a special meeting of the convention executive committee March 27. After the meeting, Rust released a statement authorized by the 15-member body.

"The executive committee confirmed the action of the executive secretary-treasurer in accepting Rev. Bryson's letter of resignation which said he was resigning because of a 'misappropriation of funds for which I was responsible,'" Rust said.

The executive, who did not reveal the amount of money involved, said Bryson had "made full restitution of the funds in question."

A spokesman for the convention said the resignation was made during an investigation into the misuse of missions department funds. The discrepancy was discovered during normal functioning of the business affairs office through internal controls and balances, he said.

Bryson, 49, joined the general board staff in 1974 as director of the mission department. Previously, he was a staff member of both the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in Atlanta and the Brotherhood Commission in Memphis, Tenn., as well as pastor and director of associational missions in North Carolina.

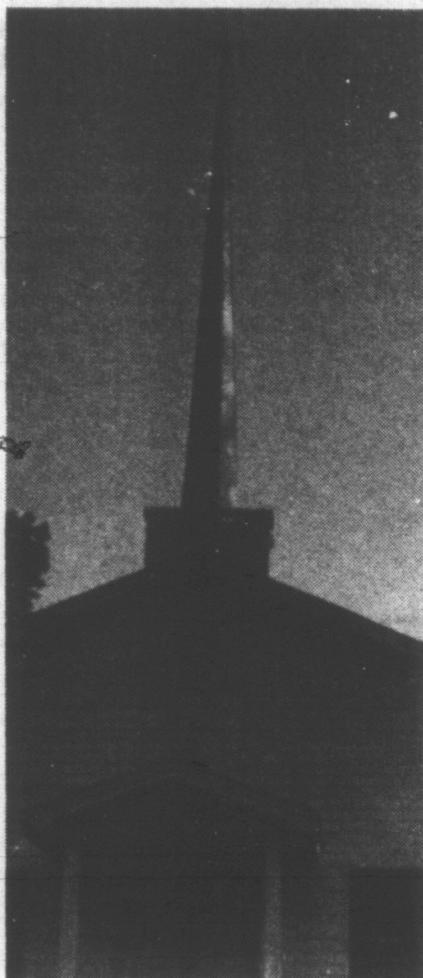
He is a native of Trion, Ga., and a graduate of Georgia Institute of Technology, Furman University and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C.

Rust said Bryson's plans for future employment are "uncertain at this time."

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Just for the Record



PROVIDENCE CHURCH, LAWRENCE COUNTY, will dedicate its newly installed steeple on Easter Sunday morning, April 22. The dedication will be conducted during the regular church service which will be held at a special time, at 9 a.m.

Homecomings

60th anniversary

New Zion (Scott): May 6; celebrating the church's 60th year; Sunday School at 10 a.m.; morning worship at 11; Holmes H. Carlisle, Scott County director of missions, speaker; Mrs. Rosie J. Tabb, leading the music; Mrs. Ina Faye Bailey, pianist; lunch to be served at the church; singing in the afternoon, and a message from the pastor, LaVerne Summerlin.

Silver Springs Church, Ossyka: April 29; homecoming; Troy Bankston, pastor of Mesa Church, Tylertown, preaching; J. M. Thornhill, pastor at Silver Springs, leading the music; Sunday School at 10 a.m.; morning worship at 11; dinner on the grounds; afternoon singing.

Puckett (Rankin): April 22; homecoming; Charles Ray Burnham, guest speaker; Richard Sparks, Jr., music leader; Jimmy Carr, pastor; fellowship from 9:30 until 10:15 a.m.; Sunday School at 10:15; morning worship at 11; dinner on the grounds.

Goss Church: homecoming; April 29; J. D. Walker of Saltillo, former pastor at Goss, preaching in the 11 a.m. service; dinner on the grounds; afternoon service of fellowship and music to begin at 1:30; Matt Buckles, pastor.

Among mortals second thoughts are best. Euripides



LAKEVIEW CHURCH in Leland has erected a new church sign. Admiring the sign, left to right: Pastor, Paul Blanchard; minister of music and youth, Wayne Grothman; and Property and Grounds Committee chairman, Bernard Smyly.

Corinth Church, Jasper County, will have Easter sunrise services at 5 a.m. on April 22. The adult choir, directed by Mrs. Edd Holloman, will present the musical, "The Third Day." Edd Holloman is pastor.

"Joy Comes In The Morning, Experiences of Sorrow Turned to Joy," by David Danner, will be presented by the music and drama ministries of Daniel Memorial Church, Jackson, on Sunday night, April 22, at 7 p.m. There will be no admission charge.

Broadmoor sponsors Easter sunrise youth service

Broadmoor Church, Jackson, is sponsoring an Easter sunrise service April 22 for all youth in Jackson. The service will be led and presented by area youths as follows: Invocation—Colonial Heights Baptist youth; special music—Pinelake Baptist youth; personal testimony—First Baptist youth; Scripture—Briarwood youth; personal testimony—Broadmoor youth; and group singing.

The service will be at 5 a.m. and conclude at 6 a.m. It will be held at Old Trace Park Pavilion at the reservoir. "All Jackson youths are urged to attend and participate in this unusual and inspirational Easter service," said Betty Brewster, youth worker at Broadmoor.

Revival Results

Zion Hill, Wesson: April 1-6; Art Smith, Stephenville, Tex., evangelist; eight professions of faith; top attendance Tuesday evening, with 307 in worship. Pastor J. Frank Smith (brother of the evangelist) said average Sunday School attendance has been 137 this past year.

Cambridge Church, Gautier: first week of April; Donnie Guy, pastor, Woolmarket Church, Biloxi, evangelist; Charles Walker, minister of music at Calvary, Petal, leading the music; 27 professions of faith, plus letters being moved; Ricky White, pastor. (The church is in a building program.)

Central Church, Golden (Tishomingo Association): March 25-28; two professions of faith; two by letter.



The Clean Energy People



Mississippi's Lottie Moon Offering

Gifts Total \$3,500,584.35

Mississippi gifts to Foreign Missions Week of Prayer (Lottie Moon Christmas Offering) are listed as received from June 1, 1983 through March 31, 1984 with 1,664 churches participating. At that time total gifts amounted to \$3,500,584.35

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| | 35,791.86 | | | | | PROVIDENCE | 638.50 | | | SAULS VALLEY | 1,178.49 |
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Vatican mission foes had little chance

By Larry Chesser

WASHINGTON (BP)—Failure of U.S. religious leaders to derail a White House/congressional express delivering full diplomatic relations with the Vatican lies more in the obstacles they faced than in shortcomings of the efforts.

A significant group of U.S. religious leaders—including Southern Baptists—vigorously opposed formal U.S.-Vatican ties, but the Senate showed little hesitation in confirming William A. Wilson as ambassador to the Holy See.

Although 13 senators voted against confirmation—mostly because they disliked the decision to establish full diplomatic relations with the Vatican and not because of Wilson's qualifications for the post—none of them opposed it enough to block a unanimous consent request to bring up the issue for a final vote during the middle of the Senate's school prayer debate.

Subsequent approval by House and Senate appropriations panels of funding for the full-Vatican-mission completed the reversal of the nation's 116-year-old policy against official diplomatic ties with the Holy See.

This reversal occurred despite nearly uniform opposition from mainline Protestant and fundamentalist Christian leaders, along with significant opposition from American Catholic leaders who feared the move would permit the Reagan administration to pressure U.S. bishops through the papacy.

One question raised by these developments is why, confronted with such significant opposition, did the change go through Congress with such relative ease?

Several factors contributed.

First, the Vatican ambassador debate of 1984 produced nowhere near the firestorm reaction that occurred in the early 1950s prompting President Truman's nominee for the Vatican post, Gen. Mark Clark, to withdraw his nomination. During the past 30 years, the anti-Catholic sentiment which fueled the outcry against Clark's nomination has been greatly diminished by two events—the second Vatican Council and the nation's generally positive experience with its first Roman Catholic president, John F. Kennedy. Also, this reversal of long-standing U.S. policy has been further aided by the personal popularity of Pope John Paul II.

But Congress, particularly the Senate, where most of the responsibility for the shift lies, may have misread current opposition to the move by measuring it against the intense opposition of 30 years ago.

On the other hand, some evidence suggests the general public, including religious segments, may not have matched the opposition expressed by religious leaders. A little circulated Gallup poll conducted in late January indicated the percentage of Americans who favored establishment of full diplomatic ties led opponents by a 57-24 margin.

Percentages of support from various religious groups ranged from Catholics, who favored the move by a 79-11 margin, to Southern Baptists, where 37 percent favored the move while 36 percent opposed it.

Whatever the degree of opposition from the general public and religious groups, it came into play too late in the process to matter much.

By the time any congressional committee heard from public witnesses on the issue, the 1867 ban against formal diplomatic ties with the Vatican had been quietly repealed, the Reagan administration had established diplomatic ties with the Holy See and Wilson had been nominated as U.S. ambassador.

The normal time for public input on the issue would have been before the ban was repealed. But that opportunity was preempted when Sen. Richard G. Lugar, R-Ind., successfully attached a rider lifting the ban to a State Department authorization bill.

No hearings had been held on either side of Capitol Hill when the Senate agreed to the Lugar amendment as routinely as it regularly handles noncontroversial items such as a resolution supporting the Women's History Week.

The bottom line is that when Lugar's Foreign Relations subcommittee heard from religious community witnesses opposed to establishment of diplomatic ties with the Vatican during Wilson's Feb. 2 confirmation hearing and congressional funding panels heard from the same witnesses at hearings on funds for the new diplomatic mission, it was all but too late. Establishment of full diplomatic relations with the Holy See had been an accomplished fact since Jan. 10.

As early as last April, the administration signaled its desire to upgrade Vatican relations by asking evangelist Billy Graham to assess the likely reaction of evangelicals to such a move. Graham's role came to light in a Chicago Sun-Times article.

In addition to such arguments by

the administration that the Vatican would provide the U.S. a good diplomatic "listening post," another apparent factor in the White House push on this issue was Wilson's influence on Reagan. Wilson apparently disliked being at the back of Vatican reception lines, explaining to a San

Diego audience in January that as personal envoy he was unable to sit with other diplomats at Vatican functions. As U.S. ambassador, he will move to the head of the line.

(Chesser writes for the Baptist Joint Committee.)

Baylor men asked to remove posters

WACO, Texas (BP)—Men students at Baylor University have been asked by the Baptist institution's president to remove any posters having to do with drugs, alcoholic beverages or photographs demeaning to women from their dormitory rooms.

Herbert H. Reynolds sent a personal request to each of the men's dormitories.

In mid-January the dean of men at Baylor issued a ban on such posters but in early February Reynolds announced he was rescinding the ban which had been instituted without his knowledge. Reynolds explained Baylor's stance toward alcohol and its opposition to degrading women by displaying lewd photographs is well known.

However, he added, "It is important . . . our student body know we are reasonable people and can readily differentiate between those matters which may bring lasting harm to

their lives and those which are relatively harmless and of a transient nature.

"I think the ban was well-intentioned but it equated the poster with the deed. If you cry 'wolf' enough on things, then pretty soon what you have to say doesn't amount to much."

Last fall Baylor cracked down on alcohol use and placed three social fraternities on probation until August 1985.

Some of the richest marriages are those that have worked their way through disasters that would have shattered others, but because they refused to give up and worked towards a solution in partnership with God, they reached a maturity and a joy they had never imagined possible.—Joyce Huggett

No man has a right to do as he pleases unless he pleases to do right.

Staff Changes

Foreign Mission Board.

Flora Church has named Lamar Howle as minister of music. A graduate of the University of Mississippi with a music education degree, he previously served as music director of Antioch Church, Florence. Howle resides in Clinton and is employed as band director of Clinton High School.

Don Henderson, pastor, First, Nesbit, has resigned. Henderson has served for several years as Chairman of Stewardship for Northwest Association and on the Association Budget Committee.

Kenneth McDavid has been called to serve as minister of music and activities at Pleasant Hill Church, Quitman, Clarke Association.

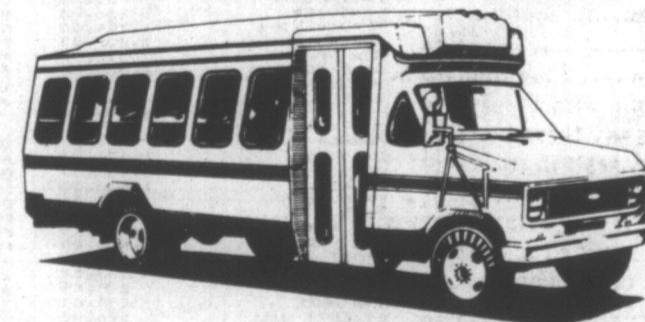
Paul Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Davis of Horseshoe Church,

Tchula, has been called as organist at First Church, Lexington. He is a graduate of East Holmes Academy and is now attending Holmes Junior College where he is a voice and organ major. Before going to First Church, Lexington, he served as pianist at Horseshoe Church. His plans are to go on to Blue Mountain College and then to New Orleans Seminary. Michael O'Brien is pastor at First, Lexington.

Argile A. Smith, Jr. has accepted the call as pastor of First Church, Lyman. He goes from Summerland Church. A native of Poplarville, Smith was licensed and ordained by Juniper Grove Church, Poplarville. He, his wife, Connie, and their two sons will reside in the church parsonage.

Brad Jones has been called as minister of music and youth at Sylvarena Church, Raleigh. He is a native of Meridian and a music major at William Carey College. Previous experience includes Greens Creek, Petal, and Calvary, Meridian. Robert Jackson is pastor.

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Three Canadian leaders positive about report

By Carol Rathbun

PORLTAND, Ore. (BP)—Three top Canadian Southern Baptist workers are generally positive about the recommendation of the Southern Baptist Convention Canada Study Committee, although all would have preferred the seating of messengers from Canadian churches.

The report, to be presented to the 1984 annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Kansas City, Mo., recommends that the constitution of the SBC not be changed to include Canada in its territory, but suggests a plan under which "all possible assistance" will be rendered to Canadian Southern Baptist churches.

Allen Schmidt, coordinator of missions work in Canada for the Northwest Baptist Convention, summed up the opinion of the three leaders by saying: "My first desire for Canada would be the seating of Canadian messengers. However, if that seems inappropriate in the Southern Baptist constituency, we feel the committee has done a good job of coming up with positive alternatives."

Schmidt was interviewed by the *Northwest Baptist Witness*, along with two directors of missions for Canadian associations of the NWBC, Henry Blackaby of Delta, B.C., and Jack Conner of Regina, Sask., on their reactions to the committee report.

The three agree Canadian churches will gain much more if the report is accepted than they would if messengers to the 1983 annual meeting had voted summarily to seat the Canadians.

The year of study has been instructive, both to Southern Baptists and to convention agencies. "Attitudes have changed through the study process," Schmidt said. He added if the Canadians had been seated in 1983, no agency would have been given any particular instruction to become involved in Canada, and the Canadian churches would have just become part of the mass rather than the focus of a particular effort.

The three say there are a number of "key phrases" in the report that give them an optimistic view of the potential of a new relationship with the SBC as outlined in the report.

"The use of the phrase 'Canadian Southern Baptists' gives us a new kind of legitimacy to our work," Schmidt said. "'Canadian Southern Baptists' gives us a broader recognition of our work," he continued, "and psychologically, it brings us into the family." In the past, it was questionable if there were any Canadian Southern Baptists... because they were not seated in the SBC, there were simply Baptists in Canada related to the Northwest Baptist Convention.

The second phrase in the report lauded by the Canadian leaders is the directive given a Canada Planning Group to assist Canadian leadership with development of a strategy for evangelizing Canada. "This puts it on a different footing, where it says Southern Baptists are now willing to open the doors to say 'Okay, let's do

whatever we can do to help reach Canada,'" Schmidt said.

The planning group is also responsible for "correlating the work of the agencies of the SBC with churches in Canada in responding to requests, initiating program actions and developing plans, in areas such as missions, evangelism, theological education, literature, student work, media, and the sending of Canadians as missionaries."

The three hope for a more orderly structure and expansion of the present Canadian student work and for a branch seminary which would offer the first year of seminary work. The branch seminary would "call out Canadian young people," they said, and reduce the problems now experienced with immigration laws in crossing over the border. A seminary in a major population center could also help spawn new churches in that area.

Blackaby hopes Canadian editions of Southern Baptist literature will be developed—such as Vacation Bible School materials using a Canadian flag rather than the United States' flag and publications which have lead stories related to the Canadian scene.

"I think we can begin to make a tremendous contribution to the evangelical element across our nation just in the literature alone," he said.

On the issue of missionary appointment, Schmidt reported there has never been a Canadian appointed by the Foreign Mission Board and that has hindered the preaching of missions and discouraged volunteers. Yet one of the reasons Canadian churches want to plug into the SBC is because of its strong mission program," he said.

The fact that messengers from Canadian churches still will not be seated as messengers to the annual SBC meetings does not upset the missionaries.

Conner stressed that getting a vote through seating has never been the Canadians' priority. "Our number one concern has been the evangelizing of Canada," he said. Canadians have just wanted to be perceived as "part of the family" so the SBC "would come and help us."

Blackaby suggested the day might come when a separate national Canadian convention (what Schmidt called "a sort of a twin to the SBC") might be useful in placing Canadian missionaries in countries where Americans were unacceptable to the governments in power.

(Adapted from the *Northwest Baptist Witness*.)

Annie Armstrong

Central Church, Golden (Tishomingo Association) on Sunday, April 1, oversubscribed its goal for the Annie Armstrong Home Mission Offering. The church goal was \$1,200 and the offering was \$1,536.97. Ralph Culp is pastor.

Names in the News



RANDY RAWLS, a senior at William Carey College, has been notified by ROTARY INTERNATIONAL of his selection as the District 684 winner of a Rotary International Fellowship for a full year's study at Canterbury University in Christ church, New Zealand. Rawls emerged the winner over a field of 30 competitors. The Rotary Fellowship provides all tuition, fees, and travel for one full year of study abroad.

Rawls, graduating with double majors in Biblical studies and psychology, has maintained a perfect 4.0 average during his three and one-half years at Carey. In addition to his double majors, he has studied biology and plans to continue those studies at Canterbury University. His plans are to become a medical doctor and eventually serve as medical missionary on a foreign mission field. He is a member of 38th Avenue Church, Hattiesburg.

President Ralph Noonester commented that "this makes the third time a William Carey College student has been chosen for this prestigious scholarship."

Arlington Heights Church, Pascoagoula, recently licensed three to the gospel ministry. They are Greg Broom, student at Mississippi State University; Jeff Holland, student at Jones County Junior College, and David Taylor, student at Mississippi College. Greg and Jeff are licensed to the preaching ministry and David to the music ministry. Howard Taylor serves as pastor at Arlington Heights.

NASHVILLE (EP)—Gospel singer Sandi Patti received three awards, including female vocalist of the year and artist of the year, at the 15th annual Gospel Music Association's Dove Awards in Nashville. Miss Patti got her third Dove for "More Than Wonderful," chosen inspirational gospel music album of the year. Glen Campbell presided over the show March 7, which was attended by about 3,000 persons at the Tennessee Performing Arts Center. There were 16 categories of awards. Russ Taff was named gospel male vocalist of the year, and Lanny Wolfe received a song of the year Dove for "More Than Wonderful." Traditional black gospel music album of the year went to "We Sing Praises" by Sandra Crouch. Wolfe is dean of music at Jackson College of Ministries, Jackson, Miss., and minister of music at First United Pentecostal Church, Jackson.

Betty Dickson, co-publisher (with her husband, Tom) of *The Magee Courier*, has been selected by Mississippi Press Women as the 1984 Mississippi Woman of Achievement. Mrs. Dickson is a member of First Baptist Church, Magee, where she and her husband teach a college/careers Sunday School class.

Mathis Publishers, Inc., has announced the appointment of Hampton Eggerton as an area distributor for *The New Testament From 26 Translations*, according to Byron E. Mathis, company president. Eggerton is a graduate of New Orleans Seminary, and has served pastorates in Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama, and Florida over the past thirty years. Additionally, he has served in education and administration on the staffs of Dauphin Way Church in Mobile; Mid City Church in New Orleans; and First, Jacksonville, as well as executive director of the City Rescue Mission in Jacksonville, Fla. Eggerton will be promoting the distribution of this Bible through the pastors and the churches, with special emphasis on Sunday School teachers and Church Training Leaders.

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Henson

Ronald Henson has been licensed to preach by Central Church, Golden (Tishomingo Association). He is a second year student at Northeast Mississippi Junior College. He plans to attend Blue Mountain College this fall. Ralph Culp is the Central pastor.

FORT WORTH, Texas (BP)—Six persons are being honored as Southwestern Seminary's 1984 distinguished alumni.

The recipients, who will be recognized at the national alumni luncheon June 13 in Kansas City, Mo., are: Kenneth L. Chafin, Houston; Floy Williams Ferguson, Amarillo, Texas; C. Bruce McIver, Dallas; Guy D. Newman, Waco, Texas; Chester O'Brien Jr., Albuquerque, N.M., and C. E. Wilbanks, Las Vegas, Nev.

Jim White, Missouri pastor, has joined the church administration department at the Sunday School Board, Nashville, as deacon ministry specialist and editor of *The Deacon* magazine. White, who moved to the board from Liberty, Mo., was pastor of Liberty Manor Baptist Church for nine years before assuming his present position. Native of St. Louis, Mo., White is a graduate of William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., and Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City.

481 participate in Hinds-Madison choir festivals

Recently 481 choir members participated in the Hinds-Madison Adult Choir Festivals at Forest Hill Church and at Parkway Church.

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Uniform Crucified and raised from death

By Robert Earl Shirley, pastor, Parkway, Tupelo
Mark 15:31-39; 16:1-7

This Sunday School lesson this week will obviously be inadequate, for even the words of the greatest and wisest of men cannot fully explain all that took place during those days that Easter commemorates. Though the truths revealed by the events on that occasion may be beyond our total comprehension, let us be grateful for them.

Crucifixion (15:31-39). There was a mood of rejoicing at the cross as the chief priests and scribes had the feeling that they had gained a great victory in destroying their enemy. Not merely content to see Christ die, they stood around the cross mocking and ridiculing him in his hour of suffering. He had claimed to be the savior of the world. If that were true, why could he not save himself? Of course, they were partially correct. The wages of sin were so horrible, and his love for us was so great that they would not let him come down from the cross at the cost of our salvation.

Whatever Jesus meant when he cried, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?", his agony resulted from his bearing the sins of all mankind at the moment. Those words would have been the language of total despair had not faith still directed them to God himself. As we hear this expression from the lips of Jesus, we need to remember that he was undergoing more than physical death on the cross. Many others had died and would die in the same manner even as two others at the same

time were dying with him then. Only Jesus, though, was suffering for our sin.

In his cry out to the Father, Jesus used the name Eli or Eloi which led some of those who did not hear clearly to think that he was addressing Elijah. There was an ancient tradition that taught that the old prophet was to return. Either in jest or in pity, one who must have been one of the soldiers filled a sponge full of vinegar and gave it to him to drink. It was then that Jesus "gave up the ghost" or "breathed out his life." He gave up his life willingly for mankind. Those in that day felt that God's presence was centered in the Holy of Holies in the temple.

The splitting of the veil to its entrance from top to bottom indicates that it was torn by God and not by man and declared that all men now have access to God. We can understand and possibly accept the tradition that says that the centurion who carried out the crucifixion later became a Christian. Having observed Christ during the latter hours of his life and having seen the way that he died, he cried out, "Surely this man was the Son of God."

Resurrection (16:1-7). Not three days later, but on the third day when the Sabbath was over, faithful ladies made their way to the tomb to express their love and anoint the body of Christ. Leaving their homes while it was still dark, they arrived at the grave at sunrise. Burdened down

with the sorrow of their loss and expecting nothing supernatural to happen, their main concern was how they would be able to enter the sepulchre with the heavy stone blocking the doorway.

These were ordinary people like those of us today who had never yet learned that worry has never in all history solved a single problem. Finding the stone already rolled away, they entered the tomb and found a young man that we are told elsewhere was an angel sitting there. He calmed their fears, told them that Christ had risen from the grave, and invited them to see for themselves that his burial place was now empty. His words then were a simple statement of act, but today, we can rejoice that we trust in a Savior who is still risen and alive forever more.

Do not miss the point that when he sent word to his disciples that he was alive, Jesus specified that Peter should also be included. He wanted that disciple to know that not only had Christ provided for his life hereafter, he had also made it possible for him to truly live and serve him in this life. Everlasting life involves both this life and the next. In John 3:16, we read that one who believes on him shall never perish. Moreover, there is the connotation that the life that is endless in quantity is also unique in quality, both now and then. In spite of past sins, Christ still has use for Peter and for us. Easter invites us to accept God's love and sends us out to serve.

Bible Book

Resurrection of Jesus

By Bill Causey, pastor, Parkway, Jackson
John 20

There is one day above all other days for the Christian, and we study that today. Nothing changed the world like that first Easter. It is so full of meaning that, like a sunrise, it continues to brighten history and illuminate us with its meaning. John's record of Jesus' resurrection is our study today.

I. At least three early witnesses looked in and found the tomb to be empty (1-11).

During the early hours (between 3 and 6 o'clock a.m.) Mary Magdalene came to the tomb to find that the stone was rolled away (1). Jesus did not need to move the stone to get out but it was necessary if witnesses were to be able to look in. The excitement is easy to sense when we read that she "ran" and found Peter and John (2). They "ran" to the tomb (4) and John "outran" Peter. Her first report was "they" have taken away the Lord, apparently assuming there had been grave robbers present who had stolen the body. Her first thought apparently was to find it (2).

When they arrived, John was reticent to enter (5) but Simon entered and saw the linen cloths lying there in a shape as though they still contained the body. The cloth which had been on the head was still folded in a separate place (6-7).

When John went in, he also saw, and, seemingly in a flood of discovery and comprehension, became the first believer. Perhaps he remembered earlier conversations with Jesus and suddenly their significance distilled in one revealing rush (8).

Their understanding was not yet (9) based on scripture. As Peter and John returned to where they were staying, Mary in characteristic attachment to the One who had made her whole, stayed weeping and stooped to look into the tomb (11).

II. Mary's concern for the physical body is answered (12-18).

When she stooped to look in she saw two angels (appearing like men) who asked her "Woman, why are you weeping?" (12-13). Did they know why? Or were they unable to know of our "human" identification of the body with the person? Her answer to them was the same as her earlier report to Peter and John. "They have taken away my Lord and I do not know where they have laid him" (13 cf. 2b).

Having said this, she sensed a presence behind her but did not know it was the One she was looking for. He spoke, asking as the angels did, "Why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" In the semi-darkness, her eyes clouded from weeping, she assumed him to be the gardener, and pressed her search for the body by saying, "Sir, if you have carried him away (to keep from defiling your garden?), tell me where you have

spectacle of the Grand Canyon, said, after a long period of silent awe, "Something must have happened here." We can look at the about-face of the disciples, the creation of the church, and say, "Something must have happened here." The only adequate "something" is the resurrection of Jesus.

laid him, and I will take him away (14-15).

Then, with one word, all misinterpretation is swept away! "Mary!" (16). No one said her name quite like Jesus (cf. John 10:3-4, 14). Recognition, with all its meaning for Mary, caused her to know that this relationship to her had survived death and infinite new meanings were now added. Her word of recognition, "Rabboni," meaning "teacher," had come by usage to refer increasingly to God and may have been a spontaneous equivalent to that of Thomas in verse 28.

She then reported to the disciples that she had seen the Lord and told them what he had said (18).

III. The disciples experience the Lord himself (19-22)

On the first day of the week (Sunday), the very day of the resurrection, the disciples were huddled fearfully behind locked doors for fear of the Jews. The crucifixion and its accompanying dangers for them was still fresh in their minds. Then—there he was in their midst! Objective information and subjective experience are here corroborating each other and removing all doubt as to the identity of Jesus and the continuity of his life (19). His greeting is typical of greetings of that time but now it is filled with new meaning. It is used twice (19b and 21a). Physical proofs give rise to spiritual rejoicing (20).

Again greeting them (to get their attention in their rejoicing?) he commissions them to be the continuation of his ministry in the world (21). Then just as God breathed breath into clay to make man in the beginning, so here Jesus breathes life into a new humanity who will be the servants of God. As a prelude to Pentecost it began the infusion of Holy Spirit power for the task he had just assigned them (22). In this ministry would be life's ultimate issues of forgiveness and salvation as they preached the message of a Savior that even death, the ultimate enemy, could not defeat (23).

This is the victory and the message of the church to a world in the clutches of hopelessness.

Life and Work Christ has been raised!

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Mark 16:1-8

Bette Davis is a 75-year-old movie star. She has been making motion pictures for over 53 years, and she is considered by many to be one of the all time greats in show business. Last year an article about Bette Davis appeared in Parade magazine. Toward the end of the article she began to talk about the end of her life. She said: "I keep wondering how my life is going to end. I am real curious to know how I am going to die. I don't want to miss anything, and that is why I hate to die. I am a very religious person even though I am not a church going person. I do not believe in an after life."

Bette Davis is struggling with the dilemma that every human must face. And that dilemma is death. It is inescapable. The age-old question keeps coming home to us. When a man dies, will he live again?

The resurrection of Jesus Christ has something crucial to say to Bette Davis and to you. Easter says that we can have victory over the grave. Easter says that we can have life, not for 50, 60, 70 or 80 or even 90 years, Easter says we can have life forever. The resurrection is the heart of Christianity. If you take away the resurrection of Jesus Christ, you might as well take away the entire Bible. Without the victory of Jesus over death, there is no good news to proclaim.

The events in this lesson bring Mark's message of salvation to a climax. Mark records the ultimate victory of God over death.

I. An unexpected discovery (Mark 16:1-5)

Some of the women who followed Jesus made their way through the dim dawn of the first day of the week. As they trudged wearily toward Joseph of Arimathea's garden where they had hurriedly placed Jesus' body after the crucifixion, they asked one another a question which further intensified their feelings of futility: "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?"

The stone over the tomb reminds us of life's insurmountable barriers. We all have them. What's yours? Is it a situation you would rather not face, a person who's difficult to love, a problem that resists solving? The women were burdened with the thought of having to deal with a stone that was too massive for them to handle.

But when they came to the tomb, they looked up with startled wonder. The stone had been rolled away! Awful fear gripped them. Who had rolled the stone away? They rushed into the tomb. Jesus was not there. Had someone stolen the body? Would they not even have the opportunity of expressing their grief by anointing his body? Mark tells us that they were amazed.

Upon entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right wearing a white robe. Mark clearly communicates that they encountered an angel. The ladies were alarmed by what they saw.

II. A divine revelation (Mark 16:6-8)

The divine messenger in white related to the women the good news of the resurrection. "Do not be amazed;

you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him. But, go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him as he told you."

There's nothing too big for God! Death is defeated. Christ is alive. The resurrection is now the basis of our hope: if God could do that, is there anything which limits us that is impossible for him?

But recognizing the fact of the resurrection is one thing; realizing the power of the resurrection is quite another. Mark's account shows us that the followers of Jesus had difficulty with both. Fear seized the women who first heard this amazing news. They said nothing to anyone. Does this not suggest the vast multitude who have kept the Easter message secret? Although they have heard the message, there is no radiance that streams from their faces or their lives.

Like the disciples, our greatest need is to have the resurrection happen to us. If Easter is just an event the choir sings about, if Easter is just an event the preacher preaches about or the Sunday School teaches about, then you have missed out. The empty tomb means you can be filled with the presence of Christ.

Surely the most powerful historical proof of the resurrection is the "resurrected" disciples. A man, looking for the first time at the stupendous

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